

My name is Cheryl Arney and I am here to state my opposition to the tort reform bills.

I am not a lawyer, a legislator or a Doctor but I am convinced that these bills would severely limit a wronged patient's right to sue their Doctor. Belief is an ambiguous, unprovable idea

The evil do not know that they are evil. There is a small percentage, 1 to 3 percent of the population, that think differently than most. They lack the ability to empathize with others; they lack the ethics and morals that most people possess. They think differently, in a self-serving, narcissistic manner. Some of these people are criminals and are in jail, they are called psychopaths. Some are successful in business, government and other organizations. They use their charm, their intelligence and their complete disregard for what they do to other people to further their goals and delusions of self-importance.

A doctor treated my daughter when she was 1 to 3 years old, who I have become convinced, falls into this category. The information I have processed tells me that he was motivated by greed and filtered all information to fit his need of more testing through some idea of medical research that would further his delusions of importance. He diagnosed my daughter with constant, mini seizures. He told me that she would experience developmental delays if I did not put her on seizure medication and have her tested with an EEG every three months.

Unfortunately, I followed his instructions.

I have since found out, that he had diagnosed a statistically impossible number of children with seizure disorder. Close to three hundred children are part of a law suit against this man for needlessly placing them on seizure medication, EEG testing tri-monthly and performing other unnecessary procedures. An ex-employee, of his, told me "every child that walked through his office door came out with a seizure diagnosis, meds and instructions to return every three months for an EEG". Seizure medications are powerful drugs. They are drugs that, by their very nature affect how the brain functions. My infant daughter slept a lot and perhaps her latter reading issues were caused by these drugs. Older kids had extreme difficulties in school with focus and concentration. The Doctor took away many of the older kid's dreams by telling them that they could not learn to drive and would not be able to have children when they got older. I hear, that after my daughter left his care, the doctor went on to unnecessarily surgically implant vagus nerve stimulators in the bodies of some of these children. Families spent time, resources, emotions and their children's health treating a disease that did not exist.

This Doctor was driven by greed to order as many tests and to do as many procedures as possible. He had an agreement with the hospital, which paid him a percentage of all testing that was done.

Subsequent examination of the EEG traces by other neurologists have all concurred that there wasn't anything on any of the test results that indicated seizures.

This doctor has been investigated by the State. The results were a paltry slap on the wrist of a 10,000 dollar fine, required retraining and monitoring for five years. This is a shocking lack of accountability. Where are the criminal charges for fraud? Information was given to the Mike Cox, the Attorney General, but his office declined to pursue the case any further than to get some money back to the state. The State of Michigan did get some of their money. The hospital had to return over \$300,000 in fraudulent Medicaid billings back to the State.

I would like to see this Doctor in jail. I would like to see this Doctor's license revoked. I would like to see this Doctor financially responsible for the harm he has caused